WCFE - Mountain Lake PBS - Plattsburgh, NY

Quarterly Program Topic Report October 1 – December 31, 2009

Aging

NOLA: MLNH 009576

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/14/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

News Wrap--Obama Seeks More Help for Seniors: In other news, President Obama asked Congress to approve extra social security payments for the nation's seniors, and tensions over an American aid package for Pakistan appeared to ease.

NOLA: NOWD 000541
Series Title: Now on PBS
Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/9/2009 9:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Life Panel? Death Panel?: How did private discussions between seniors and their doctors about end-of-life choices for the very ill or dying become a flash point in the national health care debate? This week, NOW travels to Wisconsin to sit in on some of these sessions and see how health care reform could profoundly affect the lives of American seniors. The not-for-profit Gundersen Lutheran Hospital has two decades of experience in this area. Their "Respecting Choices" initiative has become one of the most comprehensive end-of-life planning programs in the country. Two families grappling with the most difficult and complex life and death issues gave NOW on PBS extraordinary access to their discussions and their decisions.

NOLA: AMDO 002213

Series Title: P.O.V.

Episode Title: The Way We Get By

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 11/11/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 01:26:46

On call 24 hours a day for the past five years, a group of senior citizens has made history by greeting nearly 800,000 American troops at a tiny airport in Bangor, Maine. 'The Way We Get By' is an intimate look at three of these greeters as they confront the universal losses that come with aging and rediscover their reason for living. Bill Knight, Jerry Mundy and Joan Gaudet find the strength to overcome their personal battles and transform their lives through service. This inspirational and surprising story shatters the stereotypes of today's senior citizens as the greeters redefine the meaning of community.

NOLA: MLNH 009617 Series Title: PBS NewsHour Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 12/10/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Older Workers Face New Challenges in Tough Job Market: In his continuing series of reports on Making Sense of the economy, Paul Solman looks at the challenges older workers face trying to secure a job, let alone retirement, amid the downturn.

American History/Biography

NOLA: CRIA 000201 Series Title: Craft in America

Episode Title: Origins Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/7/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

Discover the origins of American crafts through the artisans practicing these crafts today.

NOLA: HEHL 000000

Series Title: Herbert Hoover: Landslide

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/26/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

This one-hour documentary explores the facts and fictions behind the presidency of Herbert Hoover including The Great Depression and its lasting impact on government. The program also explores the role of the Federal Reserve and monetary policy during the Hoover presidency and into the early years of FDR. Hoover's early life abroad, the international experiences that led to his decision to run for office, Hoover's presidency and political philosophy, and the lasting impact of his policy decisions made during and after the depression are also presented. Along with the depression, the film provides detailed discussion of the 1927 Mississippi flood, the 1928 election campaign, monetary and agricultural policies throughout the Hoover presidency, the Bonus March and the 1932 presidential election. Interview subjects for LANDSLIDE - A Portrait of President Herbert Hoover include several notable scholars such as David Kennedy, Amity Shlaes, Robert Reich, Tim Egan and Timothy Walch among others.

AMEX 002201

Series Title: Civilian Conservation Corps: American Experience

Length: 60 minutes

11/2/2009 9:00:00 PM Airdate:

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

In March 1933, within weeks of his inauguration, President Franklin Roosevelt sent legislation to Congress aimed at providing relief for the one out of every four American workers who were unemployed. He proposed the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to provide jobs in natural resource conservation. Over the next decade, the CCC put more than three million young men to work in the nation's forests and parks, planting trees, building flood barriers, fighting fires and maintaining roads and trails. Corps workers lived in camps under quasi-military discipline, and received a wage of 30 dollars per month, 25 of which they were required to send home to their families. This film tells the story of one of the boldest and most popular New Deal experiments, positioning it as a pivotal moment in the emergence of modern environmentalism and federal unemployment relief.

ESRR 000000

Series Title: Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics - The 60s (My Music).

Length: 120 minutes

Airdate: 11/28/2009 5:00:00 PM

Service: PBS-SIP Format: Performance Segment Length: 02:00:00

Ed Sullivan's 60's Rock & Roll is an archival concert style program featuring acts from the Ed Sullivan Show including The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Mamas & The Papas, The Beach Boys, and many more performers.

Arts

ARTF 000501 NOLA:

Series Title: Art in the Twenty-First Century

Episode Title: Compassion Length: 60 minutes

10/8/2009 10:00:00 PM Airdate:

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

Might a work of art move us to temper our more destructive impulses? In what ways do artists' feelings of empathy contribute to works that tackle problematic subjects and address the human condition? The Art:21 documentary Compassion explores these questions in the work of the artists William Kentridge, Doris Salcedo, and Carrie Mae Weems.

NOLA: LMUS 000101 Series Title: Latin Music USA Episode Title: Bridges

Episode Title: Bridges Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/12/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

From Latin jazz and mambo to salsa, Tejano, Chicano rock, Latin pop and reggaeton, LATIN MUSIC USA tells the story of the rise of new American music forged from powerful Latin roots and reveals the often overlooked influence of Latin music on jazz, hip hop, rhythm and blues and rock 'n' roll—and on all of American culture. It's a fresh take on America's musical history, reaching across time and across musical genres to embrace the exciting hybrid sounds created by Latinos, musical fusions that have deeply enriched popular music in the U.S. over more than five decades. Jimmy Smits narrates.

NOLA: BCMT 000000

Series Title: Bill Cosby: The Mark Twain Prize

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 11/4/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Taped at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on October 26, the 90-minute special features tributes and comic testimonials from a star-studded cast of Cosby's friends and colleagues including leading American entertainers Carl Reiner, Chris Rock, Dick Gregory, James DePriest, Jerry Seinfeld, Jimmy Heath, Len Chandler, Malcolm Jamal-Warner, Phylicia Rashad, Rita Moreno, Sinbad, Willie Nelson, and Wynton Marsalis. The program, which recognizes the life and achievements of the beloved comedian, includes an assortment of classic film clips from Cosby's career.

NOLA: RNRL 000000

Series Title: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Live

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 11/28/2009 11:00:00 PM

Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Performance
Segment Length: 01:30:00

Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame Live is a 60-minute special featuring rare, one-of-a-kind performances from the induction ceremonies of the Rock Hall of Fame, shot during the last 24 years. The biggest names of rock 'n' roll perform in intimate settings, and jam in combinations not seen anywhere else, with exclusive, anything-goes induction speeches by rock royalty, along with behind-the-scenes footage.

Business/Industry

NOLA: BMJL 001325

Series Title: Bill Moyers Journal

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/9/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Moyers on the Health Industry Lobby: A Bill Moyers essay on the health industry lobby. Remembering Charles Houston: Bill Moyers remembers his friend, renowned physician and mountaineer Charlie Houston. View Bill Moyers complete 2004 interview with Houston and Houston's own film on his 1953 K2 expedition. Wall Street Reformed?: Simon Johnson and Rep. Marcy Kaptur: Just over a year after economic calamity brought promises of reform from Washington, has Wall Street really changed? Former International Monetary Fund chief economist Simon Johnson and U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) report on the state of the economy.

NOLA: FRON 002802 Series Title: Frontline Episode Title: The Warning Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/20/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the devastating aftermath of the economic meltdown, FRONTLINE sifts the ashes for clues about why it happened and examines critical moments when it might have gone much differently. Looking back into the 1990s, producer/director Michael Kirk (Inside the Meltdown, Breaking the Bank) discovers early warnings of the crash, reveals an intense battle among high-ranking members of the Clinton administration, and uncovers a concerted effort not to regulate the emerging, highly complex, and lucrative derivatives markets, which would become the ticking time-bomb within the American economy.

NOLA: MLNH 009619
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 12/14/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Obama, "Banks Must Lend More to Help Economy": President Obama asked the leaders of top U.S. banks on Monday to assume a larger role in helping the economy to recover. Kwame Holman reports and then Judy Woodruff speaks with presidential senior adviser Valerie Jarrett for more details.

Consumerism

NOLA: MLNH 009608

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/27/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

'Black Friday' Takes New Tone Amid Economic Slump: Kwame Holman has a look at how consumers are changing their shopping habits during this year's Black Friday because of the financial crisis.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

NOLA: MLNH 009569

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/5/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

New Court Term Puts Spotlight on Gun Rights, Free Speech, Business: The Supreme Court opened a new term on Monday with a docket full of cases concerning corporations, compensation, and the financial markets. Marcia Coyle of the National Law Journal previews the term with Gwen Ifill.

NOLA: MLNH 009593

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/6/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Fort Hood Army Base Reeling From Attack: Kwame Holman reports from Fort Hood Army Base in Texas, which is reeling in the aftermath of a deadly shooting that killed 13 people.

Culture

NOLA: LMUS 000101 Series Title: Latin Music USA

Episode Title: Bridges Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/12/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

From Latin jazz and mambo to salsa, Tejano, Chicano rock, Latin pop and reggaeton, LATIN MUSIC USA tells the story of the rise of new American music forged from powerful Latin roots and reveals the often overlooked influence of Latin music on jazz, hip hop, rhythm and blues and rock 'n' roll—and on all of American culture. It's a fresh take on America's musical history, reaching across time and across musical genres to embrace the exciting hybrid sounds created by Latinos, musical fusions that have deeply enriched popular music in the U.S. over more than five decades. Jimmy Smits narrates.

NOLA: AMMS 002206 Series Title: American Masters

Episode Title: Joan Baez: How Sweet the Sound

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 10/14/2009 9:00:00 PM 0.B. Date: 10/14/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 01:26:46

In the first comprehensive documentary to chronicle the private life and public career of Joan Baez, this film examines her history as a recording artist and performer as well as her unwavering journey as the conscience of a generation.

NOLA: LCAT 000000 Series Title: Lost Cave Temples

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/18/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

In a remote corner of the Himalaya, in the forbidden kingdom of Mustang, a team of climbers scale cliffs to climb into mysterious caves for the first time and discover ancient cave temples lost to the modern world.

Economy

NOLA: MLNH 009577

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/15/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Making Sense of the Foreclosure Crisis: In the latest in a series of reports making sense of the economy, NewsHour economics correspondent Paul Solman examines the ongoing foreclosure crisis.

NOLA: FRON 002803
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Close to Home
Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/27/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

Producer Ofra Bikel chronicles how the middle class is faring in this recession through the stories of the people who she's come to know at the hair salon she's frequented for the past twenty years. The film reveals the struggles of a small business owner to stay afloat, her sister's risk of imminent foreclosure on her Florida home, and the various clients whose lives intersect at this New York City salon-from well-to-do bankers to struggling actors, each with a story to tell about how they're getting by in these turbulent times.

NOLA: NOWD 000546 Series Title: Now on PBS Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/13/2009 9:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Elizabeth Warren on the Economy: What exactly is going on with the economy? Stocks are up and big bonuses are back, but while they're throwing parties on Wall Street, there's pain on Main Street. One out of every six workers is unemployed or underemployed, according to government statistics — the highest figure since the Great Depression. This week NOW gets answers and insight from Harvard professor Elizabeth Warren, who's been heading up the congressional panel overseeing how the bailout money is being spent. NOW Senior Correspondent Maria Hinojosa talks with Warren about how we got to this point, and where we go from here. What will it take to put both bankers and American businesses on the same road to recovery?

NOLA: FRON 002806 Series Title: Frontline Episode Title: The Card Game Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/24/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

As credit card companies face rising public anger, new regulation from Washington, and a potential perfect storm of economic bad news, FRONTLINE correspondent Lowell Bergman examines the future of the massive consumer loan industry and its impact on a fragile national economy. In a joint project with the New York Times-a follow-up to the Secret History of the Credit Card-Bergman and the Times talk to industry insiders, lobbyists, politicians, and consumer advocates as they square off over new regulation and the possible creation of a consumer finance protection agency. How are the credit, debit, and pre-paid card industries repositioning themselves to maintain high profits under the new rules? The stakes couldn't be higher as many fear the consumer loan industry could be at the center of the next crisis.

NOLA: WWIR 004923 Series Title: Washington Week

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/11/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

War and peace, cost and consequence, getting to the bottom of it all, tonight on Washington Week. President Barack Obama said, "Part of our challenge is reconciling these two seemingly in reconcilable truths: that war is sometimes necessary and war at some level is an expression of human folly." The president's Nobel Peace Prize tightrope-- what does it tell us about where he and we now we stand on the world stage. And how does that widely praised speech help him with all of the other problems on his agenda, chief among them rescuing the economy and reforming healthcare. Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) [Senate Majority Leader] said, "We can't disclose the details of what we've done, but believe me, it's something that's good." Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) said, "The last thing you want to think about when the Titanic is sinking is put grandma and more of your family on the boat." The challenges and the opportunities, we examine them all with the reporters covering the week: Jeff Zeleny of the New York Times; Dan Balz of the Washington Post; Janet Hook of the Los Angeles Times; and Eamon Javers of Politico.

Education

NOLA: NOWD 000542 Series Title: Now on PBS Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/16/2009 9:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Nurses Needed: By the year 2020, a nationwide shortage of up to 500,000 trained nurses could mean that hundreds of thousands of patients will receive less attention and substandard treatment. Just as alarming, fewer nurses are choosing to teach the next generation of professionals, resulting in tens of thousands of applicants being turned away from the nation's nursing schools. This week, NOW on PBS takes a hard look at the strains this crisis is placing on the entire medical system, as well as innovative efforts to reverse the trend.

NOLA: MLNH 009600

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/17/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Financial Woes, Layoffs Plaguing D.C. Schools: John Merrow of Learning Matters revisits the Washington, D.C., public school system, which is struggling with budgetary constraints and teacher layoffs amid reform efforts.

NOLA: SFCT 000000 Series Title: Science Trek Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 12/5/2009 6:30:00 AM

Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This out-of-this-world program explores the intersection of science fiction and science fact. Combining clips from Star Trek and Star Trek: The Next Generation with interviews with some of the leading scientists and researchers from around the country, the program is an entertaining guide to the astonishing scientific advances being made in laboratories and universities around the country. PBS and Star Trek icon LeVar Burton hosts.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

NOLA: NPAB 000105

Series Title: National Parks: America's Best Idea; The

Episode Title: Great Nature (1933-1945)

Length: 120 minutes

Airdate: 10/1/2009 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 01:56:46

In the midst of an economic catastrophe and then a world war, the national parks provide a source of much-needed jobs and then much-needed peace; the park idea changes to include new places and new ways of thinking; and in Wyoming, battle lines are drawn along the front of the Teton Range. To battle unemployment in the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt creates the Civilian Conservation Corps, which spawns a "golden age" for the parks through major renovation projects. In a groundbreaking study, a young NPS biologist named George Melendez Wright discovers widespread abuses of animal habitats and pushes the service to reform its wildlife policies. Congress narrowly passes a bill to protect the Everglades in Florida as a national park - the first time a park has been created solely to preserve an ecosystem, as opposed to scenic beauty. As America becomes entrenched in World War II, Roosevelt is pressured to open the parks to mining, grazing and lumbering. The president also is subjected to a storm of criticism for expanding the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming by accepting a gift of land secretly purchased by John D. Rockefeller Jr.

NOLA: NOVA 003605 Stacked

Series Title: NOVA | Darwin's Darkest Hour

Length: 120 minutes

Airdate: 10/6/2009 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 01:54:39

NOVA and National Geographic Television present the extraordinary human drama that led to the birth of the most influential scientific theory of all time. Acclaimed screenwriter John Goldsmith (David Copperfield, Victoria and Albert) brings to life Charles Darwin's greatest personal crisis: the anguishing decision over whether to "go public" with his theory of evolution.

NOLA: BODE 000000

Series Title: Botany of Desire; The

Length: 120 minutes

Airdate: 10/28/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 01:56:46

The program explores the natural history of four plants—the apple, the tulip, marijuana, and the potato—and the corresponding human desires—sweetness, beauty, intoxication and controlling nature—that link their destinies to our own. This two—hour documentary begins in Michael Pollan's garden, and roams the world, from the potato fields of Idaho and Peru to the apple orchards of New England, from a medical marijuana hot house to the tulip markets of Amsterdam.

NOLA: NOWD 000543 Series Title: Now on PBS Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/23/2009 9:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Water World: Is a coastal catastrophe approaching, and what should we be doing about it? Imagine you lived in a world of water. Your home is two-feet under. You wade through it, cook on it, and sleep above it. This is the reality for hundreds of thousands of people around the world, coastal populations on the front lines of climate change. Only weeks before world leaders meet in Copenhagen to discuss climate change, NOW senior correspondent Maria Hinojosa travels to Bangladesh to examine some innovative solutions—from floating schools to rice that can "hold its breath" underwater—being implemented in a country where entire communities are inundated by water, battered by cyclones, and flooded from their homes. The Denmark conference can't come soon enough. Scientists' project global seas will flood 20 percent of Bangladesh by 2030, stranding some 35 million climate refugees. Some are proposing that industrial nations who contribute to global warming should open their doors to displaced Bangladeshis.

NOLA: NOVA 003614

Series Title: NOVA | Becoming Human Episode Title: Birth of Humanity

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/10/2009 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

NOVA presents a comprehensive three-part, three-hour special-investigating explosive new discoveries that are transforming the picture of how we became human. The first program explores fresh clues about our earliest ancestors in Africa, including the stunningly complete fossil nicknamed "Lucy's Child." These three-million-year-old bones from Ethiopia reveal humanity's oldest and most telltale trait-upright walking rather than a big brain. The second program tackles the mysteries of how our ancestors managed to survive in a savannah teeming with vicious predators, and when and why we first left our African cradle to colonize every corner of the Earth. In the final program, NOVA probes a wave of dramatic new evidence, based partly on cutting-edge DNA analysis, that reveals new insights into how we became the creative and "behaviorally modern" humans of today, and what really happened to the enigmatic Neanderthals who faded into extinction. Shot "in the trenches" as discoveries were unearthed throughout Africa and Europe, each hour of Becoming Human unfolds with a forensic investigation into the life and death of a specific hominid ancestor, such as Lucy's Child. Dry bones spring back to vivid life with stunning animation, the product of a unique NOVA collaboration between top anthropologists and a talented team of movie animators.

NOLA: NAAT 002704

Series Title: Nature

Episode Title: Fellowship of the Whales

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/15/2009 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

The story of a humpback whale's first year as she learns the lessons of humpback life from her mother. Together, they make the long journey from her birthplace in the subtropical waters in Hawaii to summer feeding grounds in the cold seas off Alaska's southeast coast. The youngster will meet dangerous orcas and sharks, and playful dolphins and seals. She will learn to use her flippers and tail to announce herself and to communicate with other whales. And by the time they return to Hawaii for the winter, she will be ready to set out on her own and find her own place in her community of whales.

Family/Marriage

NOLA: MLNH 009572

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/8/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Michelle Obama's Ancestry Reveals Intriguing Slave Tale: Jeffrey Brown examines first lady Michelle Obama's ancestral path as the descendant of a slave.

NOLA: NOWD 000547 Series Title: Now on PBS Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 11/20/2009 9:30:00 PM

Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The Pentagon estimates that as many as one in five American soldiers are coming home from war zones with traumatic brain injuries, many of which require round-the-clock attention. But lost in the reports of these returning soldiers are the stories of family members who often sacrifice everything to care for them. NOW reveals how little has been done to help these family caregivers, and reports on dedicated efforts to support them.

Health/Health Care

NOLA: MLNH 009569

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/5/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Among Doctors, Many Opinions on Health Care Reform: While President Obama worked to rally doctors around health care reform Monday, fault lines have nevertheless emerged among physicians on topics such as the public option, the role of insurance companies, and the say of patients. A pair of doctors debate their views with Judy Woodruff.

NOLA: MLNH 009572

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/8/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Flu Season to Come Earlier, Stronger than Expected: The flu season might start earlier than expected, complicating efforts to distribute an H1N1 vaccine before people are infected. Betty Ann Bowser reports.

NOLA: WWIR 004916 Series Title: Washington Week

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/23/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Round two on the health care public option, executive compensation, Afghan elections, and an Iranian nuclear deal. Plus, we remember our friend Jack Nelson, tonight on Washington Week. Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) said, "We're leaning towards talking about a public option. No decision has been made." Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN) said, "Healthcare reform has moved out of the public eye and into the smoke-filled rooms here on Capitol Hill." What once was thought dead, lives again. But can Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi really revive a plan many Americans worry gives the government too much power? And will another plan, this one to limit what companies can pay their own employees, fly?" Kenneth Feinberg said, "There is a gap between Wall Street and Main Street in terms of the perception concerning compensation." On foreign policy, will a runoff election in Afghanistan change the balance of power there and here? Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) said, "This is a very tough environment in which to hold an election." And will Iran yield to international pressure for a new nuclear deal? Sec. Hillary Clinton said, "The door is open to a better future for Iran, but the process of engagement cannot be open-ended." Critical tests all around. Plus we remember Jack Nelson. Covering the week, Dan Balz of the Washington Post, Deborah Solomon of the Wall Street Journal, Doyle McManus of the Los Angeles Times, and David Sanger of the New York Times.

NOLA: MLNH 009600

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/17/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Co-author--Mammogram Study's Advice 'Misinterpreted': The vice chair of a government health panel that released controversial new recommendations for mammograms says the study's findings have been "misinterpreted" and apologized for a "lack of clarity."

NOLA: APAN 000000

Series Title: Anatomy of a Pandemic

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 12/14/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

What is known about the current H1N1 influenza outbreak? How is the government preparing for the next big threat? Join the PBS NewsHour's Ray Suarez for an exploration of the science and policy of this year's swine flu pandemic, from federal vaccination headquarters to big city hospital emergency rooms.

Media

NOLA: ILCT 000000

Series Title: Inventing LA: The Chandlers and Their Times

Length: 120 minutes

Airdate: 10/5/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 01:56:46

This groundbreaking documentary traces the explosive emergence of multiethnic, modern Los Angeles during the single-family reign of four publishers of the Los Angeles Times. Each used the newspaper to pursue distinct agendas and impossible dreams, transforming the composition and character of Southern California itself; in the process, seducing a nation and the world with a new kind of American Dream.

NOLA: MLNH 009581

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/21/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Report Explores New Models for Journalism: Jeffrey Brown talks to Nick Lemann of Columbia Journalism School and former Washington Post editor Leonard Downie Jr. about journalism's future.

NOLA: MLNH 009595

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/10/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Big Bird Celebrates Big Day with 'Sesame Street' Anniversary: On the 40th anniversary of 'Sesame Street," Jeffrey Brown explores how the classic PBS program has helped shape childhood education in the United States and around the world.

Minorities/Civil Rights

NOLA: LMUS 000101 Series Title: Latin Music USA

Episode Title: Bridges
Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/12/2009 9:0:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

From Latin jazz and mambo to salsa, Tejano, Chicano rock, Latin pop and reggaeton, LATIN MUSIC USA tells the story of the rise of new American music forged from powerful Latin roots and reveals the often overlooked influence of Latin music on jazz, hip hop, rhythm and blues and rock 'n' roll—and on all of American culture. It's a fresh take on America's musical history, reaching across time and across musical genres to embrace the exciting hybrid sounds created by Latinos, musical fusions that have deeply enriched popular music in the U.S. over more than five decades. Jimmy Smits narrates.

NOLA: MLNH 009571

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/7/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Student's Death Points to Upsurge in Gang Violence in Chicago: Jeffrey Brown speaks with a Chicago Sun-Times reporter about the recent murder of a high school student in Chicago's south side and the increase in gang violence throughout the Windy City.

National Politics/Government

NOLA: FRON 002801 Series Title: Frontline Episode Title: Obama's War Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/13/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

Tens of thousands of fresh American troops are now on the move in Afghanistan, led by a new commander, and armed with a counter-insurgency plan that builds on the lessons of Iraq. But can U.S. forces succeed in a land long known as the "graveyard of empires?" FRONTLINE producers Martin Smith (Beyond Baghdad, Return of the Taliban) and Marcela Gaviria (In Search of Al Qaeda) once again make the dangerous journey to the frontlines of America's biggest fight. Through interviews with the top U.S. commanders on the ground, embeds with U.S. forces, and fresh reporting from Washington, Smith and Gaviria examine U.S. counter-insurgency strategy in Afghanistan and Pakistan--a fight that promises to be longer and more costly than most Americans understand.

NOLA: WWIR 004914 Series Title: Washington Week

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/9/2009 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

A Nobel Peace Prize shocker, plus, Afghanistan, health care, and the Supreme Court tonight on Washington Week. President Barack Obama SAID, "I am both surprised and deeply humbled by the decision of the Nobel Committee."

President Obama was not the only one surprised, but the global endorsement was welcomed, even as it sparked new questions like how and why, especially as the president decides whether to escalate the war in Afghanistan as Republicans and Democrats debate. Sen. John Mccain (R-AZ) said, "It's pretty clear that time is not on our side. Speaker Nancy Pelosi: Let me just say that there was agreement that it's a difficult decision for the president to make." On Capitol Hill, good news for health care reform? Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) said, "The result is a balanced, common sense plan that takes the best ideas from both sides." But what will it cost? And at the Supreme Court, free speech, religion, and a brand new justice. Covering the week: Peter Baker of the New York Times, Martha Raddatz of ABC News, Ceci Connolly of the Washington Post, and Joan Biskupic of USA Today.

NOLA: MLNH 009598

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/13/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

On Asia Tour, Obama Tests New Dynamic With Japan: President Obama kicked off a nine-day trip to Asia on Friday with a visit to Japan, where the newly elected Prime Minister, Yukio Hatoyama, is seeking a more "equal partnership" with the U.S. and the closing of an unpopular Marine base in Okinawa. Jeffrey Brown reports.

NOLA: COSE 015249 Series Title: Charlie Rose Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 12/10/2009 11:30:00 PM

Service: PBS-PLUS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

First, Cate Blanchett and Liv Ullmann discuss "A Streetcar Named Desire." Next, a look at President Obama's Nobel Prize acceptance speech with David Sanger, Simon Schama and Jon Meacham.

NOLA: WWIR 004923 Series Title: Washington Week

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 12/11/2009 9:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

War and peace, cost and consequence, getting to the bottom of it all, tonight on Washington Week. President Barack Obama said, "Part of our challenge is reconciling these two seemingly in reconcilable truths: that war is sometimes necessary and war at some level is an expression of human folly." The president's Nobel Peace Prize tightrope-- what does it tell us about where he and we now we stand on the world stage. And how does that widely praised speech help him with all of the other problems on his agenda, chief among them rescuing the economy and reforming healthcare. Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) [Senate Majority Leader] said, "We can't disclose the details of what we've done, but believe me, it's something that's good." Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) said, "The last thing you want to think about when the Titanic is sinking is put grandma and more of your family on the boat." The challenges and the opportunities, we examine them all with the reporters covering the week: Jeff Zeleny of the New York Times; Dan Balz of the Washington Post; Janet Hook of the Los Angeles Times; and Eamon Javers of Politico.

Religion/Ethics

NOLA: MLNH 009571

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/7/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

News Wrap--Supreme Court Considers Giant Cross in Mojave Desert: In other news, the Supreme Court took up the separation of church and state in a case involving public lands in California, and two Americans and an Israeli received the Nobel Prize in chemistry.

NOLA: PNRE 001306

Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/11/2009 10:30:00 PM

Service: PBS-PLUS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Obama's Nobel Peace Prize: In his response to receiving the peace prize, the president said "we must pursue a new beginning among people of different faiths and races and religions, one based upon mutual interest and mutual respect." End of Life Decisions: "I want to just go peacefully. The only medications I want are going to be the ones that are going to comfort me. That's all I want," says Jill Steuer, a nurse with advanced-stage breast cancer who has decided to stop any kind of treatment and receive hospice care. Father Damien's Legacy: On October 11, the 19th-century missionary priest Father Damien will be canonized in Rome and remembered for dedicating his life to individuals with leprosy, a disease that still afflicts more than 250,000 people a year. "A Serious Man": Set in 1967, the storyline of the Coen brothers' new film centers on Larry Gopnick, a Jewish physics professor in the Midwest who looks to his faith to make sense of his personal and professional tribulations. Cathleen Falsani interview: Read and watch more of Kim Lawton's interview with religion columnist Cathleen Falsani, author of "The Dude Abides: The Gospel According to the Coen Brothers."

Science/Technology

NOLA: MLNH 009573

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/9/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Small Crash on Moon Could Have Big Scientific Impact: Scientists hope crashing a probe into the moon will shed light on whether there is much water there.

NOLA: NOVA 003611

Series Title: NOVA

Episode Title: Hubble's Amazing Rescue

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/13/2009 8:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

In the spring of 2009, NASA sent a shuttle crew on a risky mission to service the Hubble Space Telescope for the last time. Hubble has enthralled scientists and the public by capturing deep views of the cosmos and a wealth of data from distant galaxies. It has helped lead the search for alien planets and is a key tool in cosmology's quest to investigate and map the universe's mysterious dark matter. The astronaut servicing team carried out the first-ever in-space repairs of Hubble's defective instruments, a task that required ingenious engineering fixes and the most intensive NASA spacewalk ever. From training to launch, NOVA presents the inside story of the mission and the extraordinary challenges faced by the rescue crew.

NOLA: BMJL 001329

Series Title: BIll Moyers Journal

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/6/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Resources for Veterans: Online resources for vets and their families. The Good Soldier: "The Good Soldier," a film which follows four veterans—one from World War II, two from Vietnam, and the fourth from Iraq—as they reveal how the experiences of battle changed their lives. Veterans Oral History Instructions: Learn how to keep veteran's achievements alive by participating in the National Veterans Oral History Project.

SEDE 000902 NOLA:

Series Title: Secrets of the Dead Episode Title: Airmen and the Headhunters

60 minutes Length:

11/11/2009 9:00:00 PM Airdate:

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

This program investigates a fantastic WWII tale of jungle ambushes, extreme engineering, blow darts defenses, and enemy headhunting. In 1945, an American B24 bomber is shot down over Japanese-controlled Borneo. The airmen bail out and survive, only to find themselves isolated and lost in the impenetrable jungle. Briefed to fear the "savage" Dayak inhabitants, the Americans are instead taken in by these tribes and become witness to a compassionate, resourceful people who shatter stereotypes, protect them from the Japanese, and eventually deliver them safely into the hands of an eccentric British Major who orchestrates their rescue by building a bamboo runway deep in the Borneo interior.

SFCT 000000 NOLA: Series Title: Science Trek 90 minutes Length:

12/05/2009 6:30:00 AM Airdate:

Service: PBS-SIP Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:00:00

This out-of-this-world program explores the intersection of science fiction and science fact. Combining clips from Star Trek and Star Trek: The Next Generation with interviews with some of the leading scientists and researchers from around the country, the program is an entertaining guide to the astonishing scientific advances being made in laboratories and universities around the country. PBS and Star Trek icon LeVar Burton hosts.

Transportation

MLNH 009577

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/15/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Exploring the Hazards of Texting, Talking While Driving: As new evidence emerges about the hazards of driving while talking on a cell phone, more states are pushing to ban the practice. KCET's "SoCal Connected" takes a closer look.

NOLA: NOWD 000544
Series Title: Now on PBS
Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/30/2009 9:30:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Electric Car Dreams: Will green energy and electric cars drive a new global climate change plan? Home to a worldwide summit on climate change in early December, Denmark is setting a global example in creating clean power, storing it, and using it responsibly. Their reliance on wind power to produce electricity without contributing to global warming is well known, but now they're looking to drive the point home with electric cars. To do this, they've partnered with social entrepreneur Shai Agassi and his company Better Place. This week, NOW investigates how the Danish government and Better Place are working together to put electric cars into the hands of as many Danish families as possible. The idea is still having trouble getting out of the garage here in America, but Denmark could be an inspiration.

NOLA: MLNH 009606

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/25/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Other News--Recession Complicates Holiday Travel for Many: In other news, airlines are experiencing a 25 percent decrease in holiday travel this year as more people are opting for trains and buses. Also, weekly jobless claims dipped below 500,000 for the first time since January.

War/Veterans/National Security

NOLA: FRON 002801 Series Title: Frontline Episode Title: Obama's War Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/13/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Documentary Segment Length: 00:56:46

Tens of thousands of fresh American troops are now on the move in Afghanistan, led by a new commander, and armed with a counter-insurgency plan that builds on the lessons of Iraq. But can U.S. forces succeed in a land long known as the "graveyard of empires?" FRONTLINE producers Martin Smith (Beyond Baghdad, Return of the Taliban) and Marcela Gaviria (In Search of Al Qaeda) once again make the dangerous journey to the frontlines of America's biggest fight. Through interviews with the top U.S. commanders on the ground, embeds with U.S. forces, and fresh reporting from Washington, Smith and Gaviria examine U.S. counter-insurgency strategy in Afghanistan and Pakistan—a fight that promises to be longer and more costly than most Americans understand.

NOLA: MLNH 009584

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 10/26/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

In Afghanistan, a Deadly Day for Americans: American forces suffered their deadliest day in four years in Afghanistan as 14 troops and civilians were killed in separate air crashes. Kwame Holman reports.

NOLA: BMJL 001331

Series Title: BIll Moyers Journal

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/20/2009 10:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format: Interview/Discussion/Review

Segment Length: 00:00:00

As President Obama prepares to respond to General McChrystal's call for more troops in Afghanistan, Bill Moyers considers another President's decision to escalate troop levels in a military conflict. Through President Lyndon Johnson's taped phone conversations and his own remembrances, Bill Moyers looks at Johnson's deliberations as he stepped up America's role in Vietnam.

NOLA: MLNH 009617 Series Title: PBS NewsHour Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 12/10/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Wartime President Accepts Peace Prize with an 'American Speech': Just days after announcing an escalation in Afghanistan, President Obama traveled to Oslo to accept the Nobel Peace Prize. Jim Lehrer speaks with a panel of experts for reactions and perspective on the president's task in Oslo.

Women

NOLA: PNRE 001308

Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 10/25/2009 10:30:00 AM

Service: PBS-PLUS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Mary Setterholm: The middle-aged woman struggling with the weak surf has quite a story to tell, one of heartbreak and despair and then a remarkable transformation. There were the beatings, the sexual abuse, the prostitution. She lost her faith in humanity and God. In 1972 when Mary was 17, she was the U.S. woman's national surfing champion. Now she owns and operates the Surf Academy in Santa Monica where she and 80 full-time staffers teach hundreds of kids each year how to ride the waves. Doctors, Patients, and Prayer: Doctors who pray with patients and family members "puts a sense of comfort in you," says Chris Barkley. "Normally, doctors don't do that, and it probably makes people feel closer to the doctor. You want them to care just as much as you do." New Vatican Policy on Anglicans: Watch National Catholic Reporter senior correspondent John L. Allen Jr. and Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly managing editor Kim Lawton discuss the Roman Catholic Church's plan to absorb unhappy Anglicans wishing to become Catholics.

NOLA: MLNH 009603

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/20/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Oprah Looks Ahead to a Future in Cable: After 23 years as a daytime talk show legend, Oprah Winfrey has announced she will be ending her program to concentrate on a new cable channel that will bear her name. Jeffrey Brown reports.

Youth

NOLA: MLNH 009595

Series Title: NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; The

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 11/10/2009 7:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

Format:

Segment Length: 00:00:00

Big Bird Celebrates Big Day with 'Sesame Street' Anniversary: On the 40th anniversary of 'Sesame Street," Jeffrey Brown explores how the classic PBS program has helped shape childhood education in the United States and around the world.